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LED LIGHT INSTALLATION CONTINUES ACROSS CITY WITH HISTORIC WOODRUFF PLACE STREETLIGHT RETROFITS

INDIANAPOLIS – The Historic Woodruff Place neighborhood will receive new streetlights for 74 city-owned lamps in the area beginning today through the next five to six weeks. The City's Office of Sustainability is using grant dollars from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Formula Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (CFDA 81.128) to retrofit the neighborhood streetlights, an investment totaling \$212,250.

"This project on the Near Eastside and specifically within Woodruff Place is yet another great example of how public-private partnerships can be utilized in community revitalization," said Mayor Greg Ballard. "The city joins with the neighborhood in eager anticipation of getting these retrofits completed."

Project scope will include rewiring all 74 existing fixtures; upgrading all existing bulb fixtures to LED bulbs, which total 370; and replacing all missing handholes and all existing globes. The existing poles each have five 100-watt Mercury Vapor lights and will be retrofitted with a 120-watt total system per pole. Though labor-intensive, the project will impact the morale and safety of the neighborhood tremendously.

"This project has been in the making for some time now, and it is greatly rewarding to see how excited the neighborhood is about receiving these upgrades," said John Hazlett, Director of the Office of Sustainability. "With the collaboration and patience from the community, we can now celebrate the streetlight retrofits as well as the incorporation of technology that can reduce the area's energy consumption considerably."

The Woodruff Place Civic League, an all-volunteer neighborhood association, will maintain the lamps for the next eight years. The lights that were once out of date and a tremendous financial burden will now consume an estimated 75 percent less energy.

"This is a win-win partnership," said Tom Abeel, President of the Woodruff Place Civic League. "Woodruff Place keeps its historic light fixtures, and the City accrues major savings on its electricity bill."

This is the City's third LED Pilot funded by this grant. Once complete, more than one-fourth of the 800 streetlights the City owns will be LED, for a total of 230 streetlights.



New LED-retrofitted lamp in Woodruff Place

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